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**In the specification:**

Please replace the first paragraph on page 2 of the specification, entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Documents" with the following paragraph:

--The present invention is continuation-in-part (CIP) to a U.S. patent application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Providing Secure Authentication of Portable Devices Through Internet Host Servers", S/N 09/422,280, filed on 10/20/99, which is related in some aspects to a patent application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Restructuring of Personalized Data for Transmission from a Data Network to Connected and Portable Network Appliances", S/N 09/398,320, now U.S. Patent No. 6,477,565, which is related also to U.S. patent application S/N 09/323,598, now U.S. Patent No. 6,199,077, filed on 6/1/1999 and entitled "Method and Apparatus for Obtaining and Presenting WEB Summaries to Users", which is a continuation in part (CIP) of patent application S/N 09/208,740, now U.S. Patent No. 6,412,073, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Providing and Maintaining a User-Interactive Portal System Accessible via Internet or other Switched-Packet-Network" filed on 12/08/98, disclosures of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.--